

APPENDIX B

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claim 31, to eliminate new matter, to distinguish over the prior art, and to clarify the definition of the terms "flange seat" and "bead" as set forth in the specification and drawings (see paragraphs 0047-0051 and Figure 11), has been rewritten as --

31. (currently amended) A tire for enhancing a simulated appearance of a large-diameter wheel mounted within a low-profile tire, the tire comprising:

an outboard tire wall with a wheel protector, a ledge defining the inner diameter of the wheel protector and extending substantially in the ^{OUTBOARD} ~~tire axial~~ direction, and a flange seat [and] including an

outboard bead; ^{THE INBOARD AND OUTBOARD TIRE WALLS} an inboard tire wall with an inboard bead, and a tread therebetween; the beads being comprised of indented rings formed on the inner radial edges of the

respective inboard and outboard tire walls;

the wheel protector extending in the outboard direction further than any portion of the outboard tire wall in the flange seat;

the flange seat having an inner diameter, an outer diameter, and a width therebetween, ^{OF THE FLANGE SEAT} ~~the~~ inner diameter ^{OF THE FLANGE SEAT} ~~being the inner diameter of the outboard tire wall and the outer diameter being the~~ diameter of the ledge, the flange seat extending substantially ^{RADIALLY} outward beyond the outboard bead and being configured to receive an extended flange attached to the wheel to simulate a low-profile tire

mounted on a large-diameter wheel [and the outboard bead having an inner diameter, an outer diameter, and a width therebetween, wherein at least a portion of the outboard tire wall in a region positioned radially outwardly from the flange seat extends further in the outboard direction than any

portion of the tire wall in the flange seat];

^{IN THE INBOARD DIRECTION} ~~the flange seat being located further axially inward than any~~ ^{THE} part of the outboard tire wall ^{POSITIONED} ~~which is outwardly adjacent to the portion of the outboard tire wall including the wheel protector;~~

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APPENDIX C

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Hello Examiner Johnstone,

During our telephone conversation today, I read through the functional language in the last part of my proposed amendment rather quickly and I'm not sure if I allowed sufficient time for you to write it down. For your convenience, here is the language that I proposed: "the flange seat comprising a substantial concavity in the region between the outboard bead and the ledge configured to receive an extended flange attached to a wheel to simulate a low-profile tire mounted on a large-diameter wheel".

Thanks for taking the time to speak with me today.

-Paul Conover.